



Heart to Heart

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CARL HETU IS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – *Caritas Canada*, effective February 14, 2022. He returns to the organization following 18 years as National Director of CNEWA Canada, where he opened the Ottawa office in 2005 and coordinated awareness, educational and development activities. He looks forward to the coming years of working with the CCODP staff, engaging the public and promoting the organization's mission in collaboration with its partners in the global south. We offer our congratulations and good wishes as Carl takes on this new service to the Church in Canada!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IN KITCHENER! The 2022 Forbes Canadian list of top 100 employers in the country includes St. Mary's! A feather in the cap of Lee Fairclough, President, and the entire Administration. Well done indeed.

JOHN O'BRIEN RETIRES ON JANUARY 31ST following a life-long dedication to the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton. He has also served the Diocese in the Business Office, more recently managing the insurance portfolio along with the planning and expansion of cemeteries in the Diocese. John's service was celebrated at a dinner at Ardee, the Bishop's Residence, on Thursday, evening. Thank you for your service, John. May your retirement be a time for new and happy adventures.

THE HONOURABLE GRAYDON NICHOLAS was the guest speaker at *St. Jerome's Feast* last September. His impressive speech was uploaded recently to SJU's website; [check it out here](#). Even though *The Feast* was a "virtual" event again this year, it raised a remarkable \$50K for first-year student entrance scholarships.

JOIN AUTHORS MOIRA MCQUEEN AND MASSIMO FAGGIOLI for a robust conversation on Synodality and how the faithful at all levels can participate in Pope Francis' call to solidarity and contribute to a rich reflection on a vibrant future for the Catholic Church! National Catholic Reporter correspondent Christopher White will serve as a moderator/interviewer for this conversation. Save the date and time: February 16, 2022, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Not to miss! [Register here](#) – no charge.

COMMUNICATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER during this ongoing pandemic. Many of us are becoming better at participating at virtual meetings and virtual classrooms. Tools like social media and email have helped people stay close and receive relevant and reliable information. In our Diocesan Communication Office, it has been a priority to communicate regularly and to navigate the constant changes. In 2021, the Office delivered over 90,000 emails! The pandemic has not stopped us from communicating with you.

PALLIATIVE CARE seeks to provide the best possible quality of life for people who have a serious or life-threatening illness or disease. The Diocese of Hamilton, understanding the challenges for both patient and family during a time of need, has prepared a page on the website to provide information meant to assist you navigate the various needs you or a loved one may have at this time. You can read more information on the topic [here](#).

RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES is a program designed to support struggling marriages. It can even be of assistance to couples who have separated but are willing to work on their relationship. COVID has challenged many couples, but this program is highly successful in helping couples to reconnect and move forward together. The next session is scheduled for March 11th - 13th and there are still spots available. See more on the program [here](#).

Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us.

Ex corde, + *Douglas*, OMI